

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16, 18-19, and 26-30 have been canceled.

Pending claims 17 and 20-25 are believed to be allowable and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Applicants do not intend by these or any other amendments to abandon the subject matter of any claim as originally presented, and reserve the right to pursue such subject matter in other applications, such as continuing applications and divisional applications.

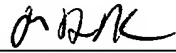
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